
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Romans 1:16-23 KJV*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (17) For therein is ***the righteousness of God revealed*** from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (18) For ***the wrath of God is revealed*** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

INTRO: *The Gospel - God's Revelation*

The Gospel of Christ is the Power of God unto Salvation…

to everyone that believes

Romans 1:17-18 KJV

For therein is ***the righteousness of God revealed*** …

(18) For ***the wrath of God is revealed*** …

Some preachers say we don't need to preach on sin… sermons are too convicting… We need to make the seekers comfortable… they need to feel good or they will not come back next week!

I. Revelation #1 - God's Righteousness

God always does what is right

God saw the helpless state of mankind's because of sin
While we were still sinners ***Christ died for us***
Not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance
If I be lifted up ***I will draw all men unto me***

From faith to faith … by faith

Ephesians 2:8 KJV

For by grace are ye saved ***through faith***; and that not of yourselves: it is | the gift of God:

Romans 12:3 KJV

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly | than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as ***God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith***.

Remember when His disciples were told to forgive 70 times 70 – they replied "Lord increase our faith!" – Jesus told them if they had faith the size of a mustard seed

Jude 1:17-21 KJV

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; (18) How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. (19) These be they who | separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. (20) *But ye, beloved,* ***building up yourselves on your most holy faith***, praying in the Holy Ghost, (21) Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

From faith to faith … by faith

God's Righteousness Revealed

2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; ***that we might be made the righteousness of God in him***.

II. *Revelation #2 - God's Wrath*

Revelation 6:12-17 KJV

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; (13) And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. (14) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. (15) And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; (16) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: (17) ***For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***

2 Thessalonians 1:4-10 KJV

So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: (5) Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: (6) Seeing ***it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you***; (7) And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, (8) In flaming fire ***taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*** (9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; (10) When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired ***in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day***.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-10 KJV

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. (9) ***For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ***, (10) `Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Revelation 19:11-16 KJV

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and ***in riahteousness he doth judge and make war***. (12) His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. (13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and ***he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God***. (16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

III. *God revealed Himself to them*

Romans 1:18-23 KJV

For ***the wrath of God is revealed*** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for ***God hath shewed it unto them***. (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (21) ***Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God,*** neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (23) And ***changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things***.

IV. *God's Wrath verses devil's wrath*

Revelation 12:7-12 KJV

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (12) Therefore reioice, ve heavens, and ve that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! ***for the devil is come down unto vou, havina areat wrath***, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Hell prepared for the devil and his angels

Matthew 25:41 KJV

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

But Hell is not his final punishment . . .

Revelation 20:1-3 KJV

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (2) ***And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years***, (3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and ***shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled***: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Revelation 20:7-8 KJV

And ***when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison***, (8) ***And shall go out to deceive the nations*** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Revelation 20:9-10 KJV

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. (10) And ***the devil*** that deceived them ***was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever***.

Revelation 20:12-15 KJV

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. (14) And ***death and hell were cast into the lake of fire***. This is the second death. (15) ***And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire***.

Romans 10:1-4 KJV

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. (2) For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. (3) For ***they being ignorant of God's righteousness***, ***and going about to establish their own righteousness***, ***have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God***. (4) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Romans 10:9-11 KJV

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt ***believe*** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man ***believeth unto righteousness***; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the scripture saith, ***Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed***.